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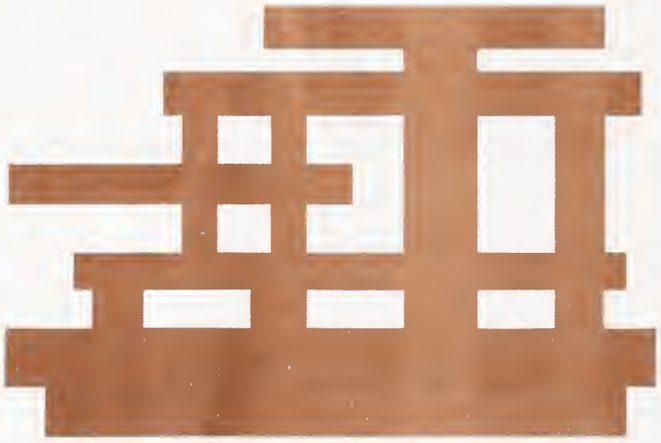

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RICHARD WARE, MARGARET KOVAR ARE MR., MISS NSU

KAY McKNIGHT . . . Top Beauty

Sophomore Kay McKnight Selected As The New Lady Of The Bracelet

Kay McKnight, a brown-haired, brown-eyed sophomore from Natchitoches, has been crowned as Northwestern's Lady of the Bracelet, the school's top beauty honor.

Miss McKnight, 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. McKnight, was also selected as Miss Congeniality by the 19 other semifinalists who were judged in the annual pageant.

Patricia Finley, sophomore upper elementary education major from Alexandria, was chosen as the first runner-up.

Second runner-up was Susan Boswell, sophomore primary education major from Natchitoches, and third runner-up honors went to Ginger McGee, sophomore upper elementary education major from Bossier City. Brenda Collins, sophomore sociology major from Pineville, was fourth runner-up.

The 20 semi-finalists in the pageant were selected from more than 100 nominees proposed for the honor by dormitory residents and campus organizations.

Judges narrowed the field to 10 before the final competition. Others in the top 10 were Ellen Sullivan, Cotton Valley; Debbie Couvillion, Kaplan; Debbie Jones, Alexandria; Miss Harvey and Billie Jones.

Miss McKnight, who measures 35-23-36, is 5-feet-8 inches tall and weighs 125 pounds. She was third runner-up in Lady of the Bracelet competition last year. Kay was Miss Merry Christmas in 1968 and Miss Natchitoches High School in 1967.

A kindergarten and primary education major, Miss McKnight was crowned by last year's Lady of the Bracelet Bonnie Martin of Ashland. Miss Martin, who also reigns as Queen Holiday in Dixie and Sugar Bowl Queen, was one of 10 visiting beauty queens participating in the pageant.

Others were Carol Almand, Miss Louisiana; Cynthia Riser, Miss Louisiana Soybean; Debbie Wester, Miss Natchitoches Parish; Mary Stewart, Miss Jackson Parish, Marcie Fowler, former Lady of the Bracelet and Soybean Queen, all NSU students, and Susan Meadows, Miss Sabine Parish; Linda Lastowsky, Miss Northeast Louisiana University; Hanna Beth Till, Miss Louisiana College, and Jennifer Kaufman, Miss Merry Christmas.

Students Elected In Campus-Wide Balloting For Leadership, Service

Richard Ware of West Monroe and Margaret Kovar of Leesville have been selected as Mr. and Miss Northwestern State University.

Winners of Northwestern's top student honors were announced by President Arnold R. Kilpatrick during the annual Christmas Assembly.

Ware and Miss Kovar were chosen in campus-wide elections. Mr. and Miss NSU are selected on the basis of character, leadership and service to the university.

A 1967 graduate of Leesville High School, Miss Kovar is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert J. Kovar. She is a business education and office administration major. Ware, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ware, is a West Monroe High graduate. He is a business major.

Miss Kovar has served as president of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority and Alpha Lambda Delta scholastic society. She is presently treasurer of the Student Union Governing Board and is a member of Purple Jackets service organization.

A member of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Miss Kover has served on the Winter Ball Court and the State Fair Court. She has also been nominated for other beauty titles at Northwestern.

The new Miss NSU has been Sweetheart of Kappa Sigma fraternity and has received honors at the Academic Awards banquet. At Leesville High, she was Most Likely To Succeed and Most Ambitious.

Ware, an outstanding football player for Northwestern, is also a member of Who's Who. He has been president for the past two years of the N Club, an organization of all of Northwestern's athletic lettermen.

Chosen this year as the fullback on both the coaches and sport writers' All Gulf States Conference teams, Ware was named by the coaches as the outstanding back in the league.

A member of Blue Key national honor society, Ware won numerous team awards at Northwestern, including the Scholastic Award, Most Valuable Player and Outstanding Back. At West Monroe High, he was also Most Valuable Player in football and was president of his senior class.

Margaret Kovar

Nominated for the Miss NSU title, in addition to Miss Kovar, were Patricia Tauzin, Opelousas; Norma Oliver, Shreveport; Susan Ehlers, Lake Charles, and Rhouda Coleman, Shreveport. Other Mr. NSU nominees were Ben Rushing, Natchitoches; David Precht, Jennings, and Ronald Morrow, Leesville.

Mr. and Miss Northwestern will be featured in the university's yearbook, The Potpourri, and their portraits will hang in the Student Union with pictures of other persons who have won the award since it was initiated in 1957.

Richard Ware

THE STUDENT UNION formed this gigantic picture-postcard effect during the Christmas holidays. The massive structure was completely painted with Christmas murals during a student window-painting contest. A large musical Christmas tree and large outdoor lighting displays made the building the center of attention on the 916-acre campus during the holidays.

Construction Work Gets Under Way On $3 Million Library Building

Bids have been opened by the State Capital Budget Board on the construction of a new library at Northwestern and construction has begun on the facility.

Low bidder on the project was the McInnis Company of Minden with a bid of $1,948,314.

Northwestern has received $3 million in state appropriations for he library, which will be one of the most modern university library facilities in the South.

Architects for the three-story building, which will have 100,000 square feet, are DeKeyser, Ponthie and Boutte of Alexandria and L. Jaco Leblanc of Lafayette.

Although present plans call for a three-story building, the structure is being planned to allow for the addition of two more floors should expansion become necessary in the future.

The library will be equiped with elevators and will be completely carpeted and air-conditioned.

Construction of the library will be on a tract of land bordering on Highway 6 on the Northwest edge of the campus. Three frame buildings which have served in recent years as fraternity houses have been demolished to make way for the library.

Among special features of the library will be private carrels for graduate students, a serials reading area, reference and bibliography room, seminar rooms and faculty and staff offices. A media center in the library will include microfilm, phono-records, tapes and other audio-visual equipment.

Librarian Donald MacKenzie said the new facility will hold a minimum of 350,000 volumes, which will nearly double the present library capacity. There will be space in the new library for 1,000 people.

There will be a reference room on the ground floor and reading rooms in the two upper floors. Association.

DR. WALTER J. ROBINSON, head of the Northwestern Department of Industrial Education and Technology, has been presented the highest award given by the National Association of Industrial and Technical Teacher Educators. Robinson has become one of only 69 persons in the 33-year existence of the organization to be presented with Honorary Life Membership.

Awards Given For NSU Pecan Study

The Department of Biological Sciences at Northwestern has been selected as recipient of the top institutional award presented by the Nut Producers and Processors of America.

Northwestern officials received the award during the recent meeting of the Southern Farmers Association Board of Directors in Little Rock, Ark. "The Nutcracker New," a journal of the nut production and processing industry, cooperated in the presentation of the award.

Representing Northwestern in the awards ceremony were Dr. Rene Bienvenu, dean of the College of Science and Technology, and Dr. Arthur Allen, biology department faculty member and director of the university's pecan improvement program.

In presenting the award, the association praised Northwestern for work accomplished during the past two years in revitalizing an existing pecan orchard on the NSU campus. Also cited was the university's in-depth research on the fungus causing pecan scab disease and search for possible control measures.

Northwestern is also conducting an educational program to train young adults in the establishment, maintenance, care and production of pecans as a fruit crop. This work has been done in the field, laboratory and classroom.

J.H. Williams of Natchitoches received an individual award for his work in the promotion of pecans as an industry and the mechanization of the pecan industry.

Caddo Is Leader In NSU Students

Caddo Parish is Northwestern's leading contributor of students again this semester, according to a breakdown of fall term enrollment figures.

Represented by 420 women and 428 men for a total of 848, Caddo has for several years had the largest number of students at Northwestern of all the Louisiana parishes.

Natchitoches Parish has the second largest number of students with 844, but an additional 150 married students from throughout the state are now listing addresses in Natchitoches.

The third largest contributor of students to Northwestern is Rapides with 728, including 370 men and 358 women. Rapides had the largest increase in enrollment of any parish. Last fall, NSU had 619 students from Rapides.

Vernon Parish is fourth with an enrollment of 289, and DeSoto is fifth with 261. Bossier Parish follows with 249, giving the Caddo-Bossier area a total of 1,097. Caddo and Bossier Parishes have 21 percent of the Northwestern student population.

Figures reveal that of Northwestern's enrollment of 5,947 this semester, 5,532 of the students are from Louisiana. The Louisiana students make up 93 percent of the total enrollment of the university.

All 64 of Louisiana's parishes are represented at Northwestern. In addition, there are 294 out-of-state students from 42 states and the District of Columbia, and there are 121 foreign students from 12 countries.

Texas is the leading contributor of out-of-state students to Northwestern with a total this semester of 66.

Other Louisiana parishes which contribute largely to Northwestern's student population are Sabine, 226; East Baton Rouge, 163; Webster, 151; Avoyelles, 141; Winn, 126; Grant, 103, and Red River 100.

Contributions Being Taken For Coody Scholarship

Dr. Benjamin E. Coody, 40, who received his bachelor's degree from Norhwestern, was killed in a highway crash this fall near Denton, Tex., where he was on the faculty at North Texas State University.

Harrel Haile, director of the Northwestern Alumni Association, said friends and alumni who wish to express sympathy to the family may donate to the Ben Coody Memorial Scholarship Fund in the College of Education at North Texas State University, addressed to the Ben Coody Scholarship Fund.

Look Who's Here

MR. AND MRS. JEFFERY L. FORD (Beverly Glass BS' 65) announce the birth of their first son and first child born, Nov. 18. Steven Jarrod is the name that has been given this fine 9 lb. boy. The Fords are residing in Houston, Texas.

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MR. AND MRS. GARY ACKLIN (GARY BA '63) are proud to announce the birth of a girl, Terri Lynn. She was born October 8, 1970, and weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. She has a brother, Gary Wayne, Jr. age 4, and a sister, Susan Elizabeth age 1. The Acklins reside in New Orleans where Gary is employed by Louisiana Power and Light. Gary has recently been named third vice-president of the Purchasing Management Association of New Orleans.

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MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE BARFIELD (Elizabeth Hennigan BS '62) are proud to announce the birth of Lori Sue Barfield, born Saturday, Oct. 10, 1970 weighing 7 lbs. 14 ozs. The Barfields are currently living in Grand Saline, Texas, where Clarence is employed as Local Manager for Southwestern Electric Power Co.

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MR. AND MRS. CHARLES TATEMAN (Tad BA '67) announce the birth of a baby boy born Nov. 8. Charles Linden Tateman, Jr. weighed 7lbs. 12 ozs. Tad is presently coaching at Sacred Heart High School of Ville Platte. Mrs. Tatman is a RN at the Ville Platte Medical Center.

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DAVID AND LOUISE (LOUPE) LOVICH , BS '69 are proud to announce their first child, a girl. Lillian Frances was born on June 18, 1970. She weighed 4 lbs 9 ozs. The Lovichs are residing in Metairrie, La., where David is working as a computer operator at the Bank of New Orleans.

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MR. AND MRS. CHARLES A. STUART (Nelwyn Rains, BA '51) announce the birth of their sixth child, Douglas Alexander, who was born August 16, weighing 9½ lbs. Douglas has three brothers, John, Charles, and Bruce; and two sisters, Annell and Lora.

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MR. AND MRS. BOBBY MOURAD (BA '66) announce the birth of their son, born Oct. 1. He is Jeffrey Mark and weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. Bobby is presently employed by Texas Eastern Transmission Corp. in Shreveport.

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MR. AND MRS. BERT HECKEL (BS '61) announce the birth of a daughter, Angela Kay. She was born Oct. 12, 1970. They have two sons, Joe 9, and Mike 5.

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DR. AND MRS. WILLIAM SCURLOCK (Barbara Futch BS '60) announce the arrival of a son, John Preston, on Sept. 22, 1970, weighing 7 lbs. 9 ozs. He joined a brother, David, 8 yrs., and a sister, Anne, 6 yrs. The family resides in El Dorado, Ark. where Dr. Scurlock is in the practice of Surgery.

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MR. AND MRS. EARL TIMMONS (BA '67) announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Kristy Michele, born Sept. 11, weighing 8 lbs. 15½ ozs. Earl is a Vocational Adjustment Co-Ordinator with the West Orange-Cove Consolidated Indep. School District.

CAPTAIN TED W. PRATHER, BS '66, has won a regular commission in the United States Army. Captain Prather is now serving with the Army's Medical Service Corps at the Office of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services in Denver, Colo. On hand to extend congratulations were his wife Rita J. Prather and Lt. Col. Charles Ertell, Jr.

Alumni Here 'N There

JOHN A. ATWOOD, JR. (BA '68) and his wife SALLY ATWOOD are residing in Fort Worth, Texas. John has been in the Army since his graduation in 1968. He has been to Germany and Viet Nam. While in Viet Nam he was promoted to 1st Lt. and was presented the Bronze Star for Meritious Service. He is now attending Southwestern Baptist Seminary and his wife is enrolled at Texas Wesylan.

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LT. COL. RALPH E. ROPP (BA '49) former Information Officier at Fort Polk has been named a Deputy Director for psycological operations in S. Vietnam. Col. Ropp will work as a member of the U. S. Embassy's Joint Public Affairs Office and will serve in the northern region of the country as an advisor to the South Vietnamese Ministry of Information. Ropp has also served as an Information Officer at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

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MR. AND MRS. HUGH FORD HAYS (Hugh 1947, Aliene Richardson 1940) are now making their home in Bryon, Texas. They are both associated with Texas A & M University in College Station.

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MRS. REBA TALLEY MATHIES (1936) has retired from teaching as of June 1, 1970. She spends her spare time in her cattery. She raises and sells Siamese and Abyssinian cats.

NANCY M. WILSON, BS '70, is presently employed by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare as a Public Health Nurse for approximately 4,000 Choctaw Indians in Philadelphia, Miss. She is residing in Philadelphia, Miss.

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GINGER FOSHEE MILLER (BA '60) and MIKE MILLER (BS '68) are stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. She was Varnado House Director in 69-70 and both attended graduate school. He is teaching in Medical Corp school at Fort Sam Houston.

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MARGARET MURPHY NEWMAN (1912) has become the Dean of Women at Northeast La. State College now a University after fifty years of teaching. She is interested in locating any Louisiana teachers who have fifty years experience. She is now residing in Lake Providence, La.

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CAPT. KENNETH W. HALEY, BS '59, after many assignments in the U. S. Army, presently ROTC Instructor, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. He also had a tour of duty in Vietnam. He has 2 children; Keven Wayne, 6 yrs. and Kiley Wynn, 4 mo. He is married to the former M'Lissa Ann Mayo.

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BEVERLY CLARK (BS '69) and JOHN W. PORCHE (BS '69 MED '70) are now living in Memphis, Tennessee where John is Trainer for the Memphis Pro's Basketball Team of the American Basketball Association.

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DONITA GOTHARD, BA '53, MED '60, has earned her PhD Degree in education psychology and counseling and guidance from the University of Alabama, at Tuscaloosa. She has been employed by the Caddo Parish School Board as school psychologist for the 1970-71 school year. In May, she received an Honor's Day Faculty Recognition certificate presented by the College of Education at the University.

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GERALDINE THOMPSON MELANCON, 1943, died February 14, 1970. She taught first grade in Franklin, La. for 6 yrs. and Morgan City for 26 yrs. She was survived by three sons, John, Scott, and Joseph.

Cupid's Doing

JANET RAINS MASTERS (BS '69) and BOBBY MASTERS (BS '70) were married Februrary, 1970. He is now in Naval Flight school at Pensacola Naval Base, Florida.

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CAROLE YVONNE FOX (BA'69) and EDWARD E. HARTFIELD JR. (BS '70) were married April 17, 1870. Ed is a math teacher at Southwood High School. The couple are now living in Shreveport.

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HARVEY WILSON, BS '67 married DORIS SLAUGHTER on March 13, 1970. They are now residing in Rota, Spain.

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GERRY MICHAEL CORBELL, BA '64, married Miss Nila Meed of Elkin, N. Carolina at the First Methodist Church of Elkin on November 28, 1970 at 7:00 P.M. Mrs. Corbell is presently employed in the Industrial Engineering Dept. of Chatham Mfg. Co. of Elkin. Mike is employed as a district Executive with the Old Hickory Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Winston-Salem, N. Carolina.

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Northwestern State University Basketball Team

Sweep of Southern Puts Demons At 6-4 Level

Winning two consecutive late-December games from Southern University, Northwestern State's basketball Demons closed the 1969 half of their season with a 6-4 record.

This is an improvement of the 5-5 reading they had at a similar span the season before when they finished 13-13 overall and earned an invitation to the district NAIA playoffs, which looms as their major objecive this season.

Northwestern's victories over Southern were by scores of 85-74 at Prather Coliseum (the Demons are 4-0 at home this year) and 89-88 at Baton Rouge.

Sophomore guard sensation Vernon Wilson poured in 31 points in the narrow win.

The winning points came with 17 seconds remaining on a short jumper by junior forward Jessie Horner, who finished with 22 points.

Horner, a transfer from Southwestern (Bo.) Baptist, pumped in 19 points in the easier triumph, while Wilson, a transfer from Grambling, added 17. But the high scorer was 6-4 junior postman Thurman Baptiste (22 points).

Baptiste, a sub last season for the departed 6-8 Charles Bloodworth, has played strong ball recently and been a tremendous factor in a streak that saw the Demons win four of their five final games of 1969.

Prior to beating Southern, Northwestern whipped Gulf States Conference rival Nicholls State 88-82 and East Texas Baptist 117-77, before falling 84-78 to Stephen F. Austin, the nation's fourth rated college team.

Northwestern opened its season by smashing major-college Tulane 88-77 as Wilson canned 26 points, senior forward Marvin Willett added 21 and senior guard Johnny Janese contributed 16. Big-time power Houston nudged the Demons 81-68 in their next game.

The Demons rebounded to edge East Texas State 87-86, before falling to last year's defending GSC co-champions, Louisiana Tech (88-62) and Southwestern Louisiana (69-61).

Since the Tech game, coach Tynes Hildebrand's club has shown steady improvement, however, and could conceivably make the playoffs again.

Graduate "N" Club Meet Scheduled February 5-6

The seventh annual Graduate "N" Club Indoor Track and Field Meet has been scheduled for Feb. 5-6 in Prather Coliseum, according to Glenn Gossett, Northwestern State's athletic director.

The meet annually draws many of the nation's leading high school and college trackmen and Gossett says this year should be no exception. The high school trackmen will run the first day and the collegians will take over the second day.

Last year's meet included the appearance of world record hurdler Thomas Hill of Arkansas State. He is expected to compete again in this meet.

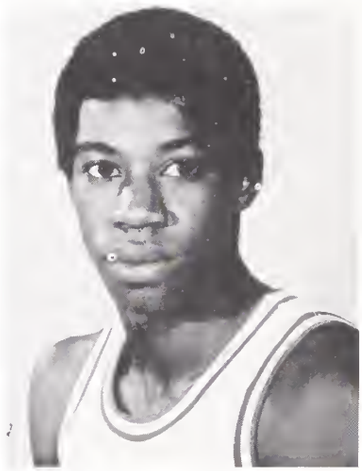
Northwestern State will also be entered in the affair. Several Demon athletes competed in the recent Northeast Indoor and a couple, long jumper Farrel Soileau and 60-yard dashman Ray Gillespie, earned sixth-place finishes.

The outstanding high school and college performer is honored at each "N" club meet. Last year Robert Salesberry of Ruston High and Andrew Hopkins of Stephen F. Austin earned the respective awards.

Notice to Alumni

Northwestern State University Alumni in every area of the United States are invited to contact basketball coaches at Northwestern when they feel there is a prospective basketball player in their area. Graduates of the university are invaluable in any recruiting program, and the Northwestern basketball coaches solicit your support in their search for talent. If you have any information concerning basketball prospects, please contact Coach Tynes Hildebrand, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, Louisiana 71457.

Marvin Willett



Vernon Wilson

Four Northwestern Grid Stars Attrack National Recognition

Four Northwestern State players received mention on The Associated Press' Little All-American Football Team for the 1969 season.

The quartet-guard Leslie Robertson, center Gary McCrary, fullback Richard Ware and defensive tackle Walter Edler—all were voted honorable mention All-American.

Earlier, each was selected to the All-Gulf States Conference team, along with split end Al Phillips, guard Bobby Koncak and quarterback Mike Pool.

Northwestern compiled a 7-3 record in 1969 and finished in second place in the GSC.

At the team's annual award banquet, safety Kenny Hrapmann received the Demon Award, which goes to the player grading the highest over the entire season. Ware was chosen the team's most valuable player.

Robertson,, Ware, Edler, Phillips and Pool are seniors. McCrary, Koncak and Hrapmann are juniors.

Good Size Linemen Top Demon Recruits

Signing two of its biggest and possibly most promising prospects in history, Northwestern State has launched its football recruiting for the 1971 season.

Coach Glenn Gossett has announced the signing of seven prospects, headed by offensive tackles Joe Thrash (6-4, 295) of Shreveport Woodlawn and Benard White (6-1, 260) of Shreveport Booker T. Washington.

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